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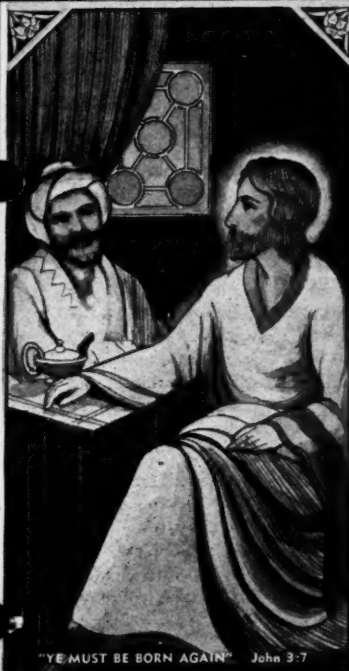
MOTHER LOVE

Laura Adrene Sanders

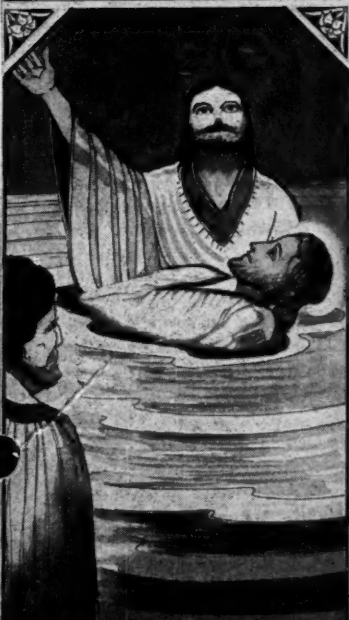
Before you ever lived your mother loved you,
She rocked her doll and called it by your name,
All through the years she dreamed about her baby,
Could scarcely wait the day until you came.
When she awoke to find you at her bosom,
Her anxious heart so filled with fervent love,
While cuddling you she cast her eyes toward Heaven
And praised God for His gift sent from above.

No heart like hers was glad when you were growing
And romping at your play around her door;
No eyes so filled with tears as hers when knowing
That Life some shadows had for you in store.
No hands like hers so toiled to make you happy,
No feet so tired as hers when night had come,
And yet no lap on earth that felt so empty,
When you like others strayed away from home.

No aching knees went down in prayer like mother's,
When you set out to make your life's career;
I'm sure in every step if you could measure
You'd find the dust bespattered with a tear.
There's none who ever loved you like your mother,
Before you ever lived she yearned for you,
And since you came you've been so very welcome,
You're her beloved child whate'er you do.



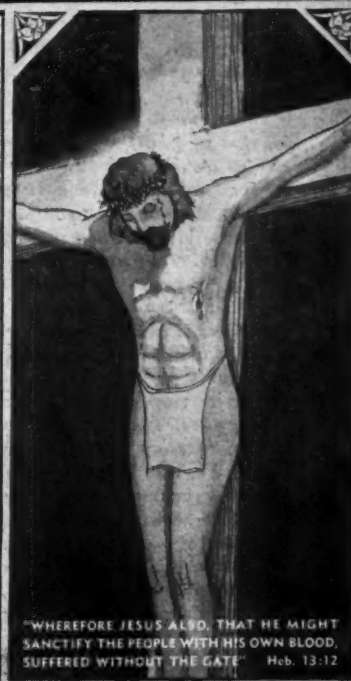
"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



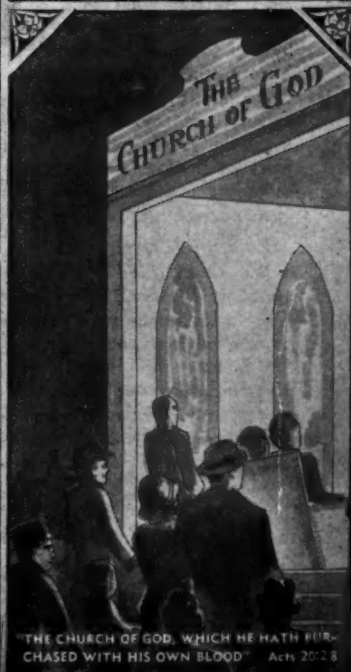
"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28



To the churches in West Virginia: Brother Cross, our overseer, has been confined to his bed with influenza the past week. He is able to sit up a little now. Please pray that God will strengthen his body as he is anxious to be about his Father's business.—Brother D. R. Moreland, Rhodell, W. Va.

To the Church of God in Texas: Greetings in the name of the Lord. As you know the evangelistic season is on in Texas now and we trust that every pastor, evangelist, and all others who can will do their best to win souls to the Lord. We have only a very few evangelists in Texas and some of them are not engaged in gospel work, so we are asking you to please try hard to do something for the Lord during the next few months. Get out in some place and start a prayer meeting and then turn it into a revival. Pastors, if you cannot get an evangelist for a revival, get your church to praying and hold a revival yourself. Churches must have revivals to keep up their spirituality, and we must not neglect our revival work. If the churches can be kept on fire for God, revivals will be a natural consequence. Pastors, don't forget your mission offering for the camp meeting. Begin now and let us not stop on what we have suggested, but make it better than that. Ask the Lord to help you in this worthy cause. We are expecting every pastor in Texas to be one hundred per cent plus on all the requirements of the Assembly and the state. We want this camp meeting to be the greatest in every way that has ever been held in Texas. I am sure from what we have been hearing since being in Texas, that you will be delighted to know that Brother Earl Paulk is to be our evangelist again this year. Begin now to make your arrangements to be on hand for the entire meeting. Let us all be praying for the success of the work of the Lord in Texas. Please be sure to pray for your overseer.—H. N. Scoggins, overseer of Texas.

We thank God for the revival just closed at Trafford, Ala. Church of God. The Lord wonderfully blessed. We are having our home coming the fourth Sunday in May. We invite every pastor and his church on our district to come and bring their singers and well-filled baskets with them. We will be looking for you. Pray for us.—W. E. Crider, pastor, Trafford, Ala.

There will be home coming at the Church of God at Earls Grove (Birch-

wood) May 14, Mother's Day. Everybody come praying for the Lord to meet with us in a great spiritual way. Quartets, trios, and duets, come and bring your music. Everybody bring baskets of good eats and pray that it will be a great day for the Lord.—Mrs. Nola Lewis, clerk, Cleveland, Tenn.

WARNING!

A pamphlet is being distributed by J. P. Hughes in which a request is made for funds under the claims that the money will be used for the Church of God.

This is the same Hughes that was formerly associated with A. J. Tomlinson in a fight against the Church of God. He is the same man who himself alone brought a lawsuit for \$25,000 against the Church of God and certain of its officials about eighteen months ago for not making him overseer of Georgia and all the courts, including the Supreme Court of Tennessee, dismissed the suit and taxed him with the cost of the lawsuit.

He is enjoined under the laws of Tennessee from claiming to be a member of the Church of God or from representing that our Church is not the Church of God and any claims to the contrary on his part is a contempt of Court.

Hughes is not a minister or member of the Church of God and all people are warned not to send him any money under the idea that he is connected with the Church or that the money will be used for the Church.

Associated with Hughes in this appeal is H. W. Poteat, who has also been expelled as a member of the Church of God.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

I began a revival at Franklin, Ohio last night with the house filled and good interest. Fourteen were in the altar. Pray for us that God will give us a good harvest of souls in this revival. — T. J. Crank, 1306 Azel Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

The Y. P. E. and Sunday School district conventions of Mississippi will begin on Saturday night at 7:30 and continue until Sunday at 3:30 p. m. We invite all the churches on the districts to come and be with us. Come on Saturday night so you will be able to appreciate these conventions. We especially ask all the functionaries of the Y. P. E.'s and Sunday Schools to be with us and bring a complete report of your work. Hatties-

burg district, May 13, 14, at Hattiesburg; Meadville district, May 20, 21; Cleveland district, May 27, 28, at Mt. Zion; Eupora district, June 10, 11. Other district convention dates will be announced later.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 1102, Hattiesburg, Miss.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Higden, Ark. June 11. We invite everybody to come be with us, especially the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. You former pastors and workers are given a special invitation to be here. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, to be with us. Free entertainment will be provided all who come for the Saturday night service. We will have dinner at the church Sunday. Come, come.—W. V. Johnson, pastor; Ruff Gentry, reporter, Higden, Ark.

The Church of God at Brewstertown, Tenn. will have home coming the 14th of May, Mother's Day. We would be glad that everybody close enough would come and be with us on that day. Bring a well-filled basket and be with us all day. We expect a large crowd. Bring your music. Let's look forward to a good service. We hope to have our state overseer, district pastor and other ministers. Come, come! —C. R. Ford, pastor, Star Rt., Burrville, Tenn.

We are in a revival at Stuttgart, Ark. Our state overseer, Brother Henry, is doing the preaching. Please pray for God to pour out His Spirit in a mighty way and save, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost.—Lee and Lucy Green, Stuttgart, Ark.

The L. W. W. B. here is still working on the quilt which we wrote to every church clerk in the state of Texas about some time ago. Say, there is a block on this quilt for each church in the state. Now come on, we don't want to give this quilt to our beloved state overseer with your block empty. Brother W. W. Smethers was the first one to respond. We ask for just \$0c but he sent \$1.00, saying, "The Lord bless you and just give us a double portion." The quilt will be given Brother Scoggins at the camp meeting and the money, after making the quilt, will be used to floor the Church of God here. May the Lord bless everyone. Don't forget to pray for us.—Mrs. Janie Toles, Gen. Del., Lamesa, Tex.

We are having all-day service at the Loudon, Tenn. Church of God May 14, Mother's Day. Everybody is invited. Pray for the little church at Loudon.—Robert Looney, Box 1, Lenoir City, Tenn.

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Love of Sainted Mothers

By H. L. MOTSINGER,
Creal Springs, Ill.

The Lord speaking about the New Jerusalem and the benefits of the church in Isaiah 66:13 emphasized a mother's love and comfort thus: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Sarah's affection for her son Isaac is deeply expressed in Gen. 21:16. "And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow-shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept." God heard the voice of the lad and the mother's plea and the child was saved.

The Levite's daughter who married a man of the house of Levi took her child and hid him three months, then made an ark of bulrushes and laid it in the flags by the river's brink. Exodus 2:1-4. This is true devotion from a good mother.

Hannah prayed with an earnest heart that her son Samuel should appear before the Lord and abide forever. Her prayer was answered and her petition granted. This is a fervent prayer that plays on the heart strings of humanity and rings the bells of heaven with love. Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28.

In Gen. 21 the story is told of Hagar, a poor Egyptian mother, and her son Ishmael who were compelled to leave Abraham's tent and go out into the desert. Hagar in some way lost the road and her son was stricken down, and as he lay there she began to look up to heaven and say, "I cannot bear to look at my poor boy suffering and dying for want of water." Soon a voice said to her: "Do not be afraid. God has heard your cry, and the cry of your child. God will take care of you both, and make of your boy a great nation of people."

Some duties to mother must be fulfilled. The fifth commandment in Exodus 20:12 plainly states: "Honour thy father and thy MOTHER; that thy days may be long upon the earth which the

Lord thy God giveth thee."

An obligatory service is given in Prov. 1:8: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the earth which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Again we quote a required duty: "Despise not thy mother when she is old," Prov. 23:22.

A duty for the youth is plainly expressed in Eph. 6:1: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

It is said that in a certain college where 120 young men were preparing for the ministry, it was found that 100 had been led to Christ by their mothers.

A good mother stands parallel to the cross of Jesus and righteousness. She hails as a guardian angel and a devout messenger of God. A PRAYING MOTHER is one of life's greatest achievements. She is like a noble flower, the white lily which conveys to the human heart and soul purity, truth, beauty, and righteousness. Her invincible faith in Jesus, dauntless courage and sacrifice are grounded in love so effective that her influence is implanted in human hearts with indelible impressions that count for God and right.

The love and prayers of a virtuous mother form a connection between heaven and earth which comes in contact with the wayward soul adrift in sin in such a way that her gentle touch will lead them home to GLORY LAND. Truly, a loving mother, who has her refuge in Jesus, is the best teacher and friend of earthly existence.

MOTHER'S DAY which comes each second Sunday in May is an annual affair worthy of the highest honor, therefore it behooves every individual in our land to pay his greatest tribute or respect and devotion to "MOTHER," both the living and those who have crossed the mystic sea of death.

DON'T FORGET THIS EVENT—MAY 14.

the Lord told Abraham about it. "Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" Gen. 18:12. Read vv. 13, 14. She called it a pleasure to bear a child, or become a mother. Note her faith and how she revered her husband; instead of calling him some bad name she called him lord.

Hannah ("grace" or "gracious") was also a barren woman, but she continued in prayer and fastings until Eli told her to go in peace and the Lord grant her petition. She changed her countenance, knowing she would become a mother. When the child was born she dedicated him to the Lord very early. When she weaned him she carried him up to the house of the Lord in Shiloh and told the Lord she had prayed for him and He had granted her petition, now she was lending him to the Lord as long as he lived.

Elizabeth ("to whom God is the oath"), together with her husband, was righteous and blameless before the Lord. She was barren but God heard prayer and let her become a mother also. She was the mother of John the Baptist who came preaching a clean doctrine. Note what a recommendation John had and who it was that gave it. Matt. 11:11.

Mary was quiet, pure, and gentle. Now to the text, "And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." This was Elizabeth telling Mary how she would be blessed and also how he (Jesus) would also be blessed. Oh, what a blessing to be the mother of the Savior of all mankind, and she was an example that it will be all right for the women of today to follow. She followed Jesus just as long and as far as she could, while in trouble, even to the cross. John 19:25. She being the mother of Jesus didn't think she was above need; she walked in the light for the Holy Ghost. Luke 1:46; Acts 14.

Mothers, have you done and are you doing the same?

Eunice was commanded in Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5. She was the wife of a heathen Greek, we're told, yet she taught her son what was right and he was not swayed by his father. Read of his faith. 2 Tim. 1:5.

Mothers, are you teaching your boys what is right?

AN HONOR TO BE A MOTHER

We have given enough examples that you can plainly see that the people of old thought it an honor to be a mother, unlike many of today who think it a disgrace and do things contrary to the laws of God and nature, thereby bringing unhappiness and many times afflictions that wouldn't come otherwise.

Think about Rachel, how she wanted to become a mother. She wanted Reu- (Continued on page 13)

Mothers

By IRA J. HAND

"And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Luke 1:42, 43.

A FEW EXAMPLES

Sarah (meaning "princess") was well

stricken in age; all hopes of ever being a mother was gone, but her name signified she had favor with God, so when those three men came to Abraham and said, "Lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son," the very thought of becoming a mother was so thrilling to her that she laughed within herself to the extent that

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wickedness and transgression in this world, there is still a longing in the hearts of true manhood for the true, home-loving, Mary-type of women and we believe that men are still ready to call them blessed.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, suffered much, and the type of woman like this may still have to go through hardships and suffering, but they will get their reward at the end of the way and will be well paid for all the sacrifices they make.

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever," Luke 1:46-55.

After Mary was honored by the Lord and the Holy Ghost, she became more humble and said "he regardeth the low estate of his handmaiden." Instead of feeling exalted and superior she became meek, like the Christ that she birthed into the world, who washed the disciples' feet. We all need to learn a lesson of humility and, whatever gifts and graces we may possess, we should be humble and remember the Lord did it all.

The true mother, as she grows older, becomes less of earth and more of heaven. What a blessed heritage comes to those who have godly mothers. Surely God would have the good mothers of the world to be humble and dress as becometh holiness and not sacrifice their virtues on the glittering altars of society, and love, honor and seek after the praise of the world. It is pitiful when we see how the devil has swayed the human family and turned aside so many from the paths of holiness and truth. I am persuaded to believe that children are largely what their parents have made them, especially their mother.

I hope that on this blessed day, Mother's Day, that every one will think of his mother with love and fond remembrance. If your mother is dead wear a white rose in honor of her pure life. If she is living send her some token of appreciation, wherever she may be.

There is a Persian proverb which says that a woman without religion is like a

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EDITORIALS

Ideal Womanhood

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women," Luke 1:28.

As we think about the blessedness of pure womanhood, their good lives and their great sacrifice for home, our hearts rejoice. A mother is the balance wheel of the home, especially if she is a godly mother. All the joy of the family circles around her advice and labors of love. The children's very life is in their mother. I have noticed small children, just as they get large enough to walk and talk; their mother is so dear to them until they don't want other children to kiss and love her. They are not old enough to know what it means to be jealous and unpleasant but they love their mother. Then we think of the pictures in many homes where the precious mother has crossed over the river, and how the family cherishes them. How often we have gazed upon these pictures with admiration and looked upon the hands that have done so much for us. There is a strange feeling that creeps over us when we think about these things. We are made to say that surely pure, holy womanhood was made to sway the spirit and tyranny of man and bring him to that humble place where he can be of service to his fellow man.

We are many times made to feel and realize the value of true motherhood. Perhaps many do not have time to spend in gazing upon the pictures of true womanhood, especially mothers, and praying and meditating in their hearts over the blessings that they have been to the lost world. We are made to realize that the type of motherhood that has blessed the world has made its impression upon great minds, especially the minds of artists who have painted so many beautiful pictures of mother and home. It is love in the pure hearts of women that has

made homes happy and shaped the characters of bright-eyed and brilliant children and made them to blossom into usefulness.

There are two types of women that have strived for mastery since the foundation of the world. One is the outspoken, masculine type that has gone forth to sway the world and disregard the laws of purity and have set aside God's commands and placed themselves in the political world, making themselves ridiculous by taking up habits that are a disgrace to womanhood and frequenting places that many years ago our pious, holy mothers and sisters would not have dared to visit. All these things make us feel that the enemy of all righteousness is getting in his work and turning our precious women from the duties and obligations that God placed upon pure womanhood. We are afraid that some of our good women are not satisfied with their birthright as a woman and are straying from their place of refinement and influence that God has given them. A woman is the most precious of all God's creation and she can either be a blessing or a curse to man. Men who retain their place of usefulness in the world do not appreciate a masculine, boisterous woman. I feel that they are greatly responsible for the letting-down of the morals and conduct of our precious women, and God will hold them responsible for the many things that are going on that are abhorred by those whose hearts are touched by divine love.

The type of women just spoken of have few attractions for homelife. A home is just a place for them to sleep. There is no reverence for God and for morals and for the better things of life. This is the cause of the divorce evil. Marriage is becoming less sacred and divorces more numerous, and homes unhappy and miserable.

We turn now to another picture. The ideal mother, the home-loving woman, and we still believe that all honorable manhood has a special love for the type of woman that regards God's laws, and I want to tell you that with all the

The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

How Men Are Saved

Men are saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, through the gospel, without any prescribed forms or ceremonies. It matters not how or where they are brought to see the gospel truth and accept it, the promise is, "He that believeth on the Son hath life." The greatest problem today is how to get the gospel to the multitudes in such a way that they will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. It is not a method of worship that we seek in reaching men so much as it is to find a way to move men to accept the grace of the Lord which is offered so freely to save them.

A Church on Fire Is a Growing Church

It is the business of the Church to grow and spread out. Someone has compared it to a banyan tree whose branches touch the ground on every side, and then take root, and this process continues until one tree becomes a forest.

The normal condition of the Church is that of revival. The only way she can measure to her Scriptural picture and perform her proper functions in the world, is to keep on fire with the spirit of revival.

When methods and machinery are so multiplied that her hands are so full with forms and programs that she must neglect the needy and suffering around her, certainly the revival spirit will not continue, and God is not pleased.

The sojourn of the Church on earth is transient; she is only passing through, and it is not her business to establish and plant herself permanently here, but having the bare necessities for the present, it is her work to win and take with her to glory as many earthly pilgrims as possible. Great cathedrals, expensive buildings, and flashy earthly display, and luxurious living are not according to her spirit and profession, for she partakes of the Spirit of her Master who was meek and lowly and bore the cross for her, bidding her to follow Him. She follows Him, bearing His cross in the way He went, and she will appear with Him and be crowned with Him in the end.

Signs of Spiritual Decline

A Christian must go forward. There must be no standstill; the Christian who stands still dies. Many have fallen away because they have not used the means of grace. How many know nothing of spiritual development and growth in grace. Right where they were converted

they stopped. And right there most of those who are converted die. Whose fault is it? The new convert and the weak Christian certainly need teaching and a ministry that will help them to go forward. An open vision of what they could be in the Christian way would be a revelation to many. A prominent spiritual teacher said recently that half or more of those who profess to be baptized with the Holy Ghost do not live it, and so have we believed for a long time. We believe we are safe in saying that most of those who profess to have been baptized with the Holy Ghost do not even come up to a good experience of justification in their daily life. When you know how little they pray, how shallow is their consecration, how little zeal they have and how little they put into their Christian life, you are not surprised. They are going backward, not forward. They are going downgrade, not up. The following points are outstanding:

1. A Christian who does not strive to go forward, really puts forth energy and effort in serving God, will go backward. This is the sleepy kind. When they should be wide awake and going on with God, they are slumbering and sleeping and missing the blessing which God has for them. Of course, they will wake up some time, but perhaps as the foolish virgins, when it is too late.

2. A Christian who can go through the day with little or no prayer and not feel it is certainly on the downgrade. Who expects to go without his usual food to nourish and keep his body strong? Prayer is just as essential for spiritual life as food for the physical.

3. It is a sign of decline when the Christian has so little interest in the public worship that he is content to remain away from the regular gathering of the people of God. The man or woman who is going on with God will be found regularly at the place of worship unless hindered by some unavoidable circumstance.

4. The active Christian is vitally concerned about the success of the Church in his community and in general. He knows that his eternal happiness is related to the destiny of the conquering church. When he loses that concern, it is evident that something tragic has happened to his faith and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. When Christians become more and more tolerant to sin and the spirit of the world; begin to make excuses for things that are inconsistent, and to compromise with the flesh and the spirit of error, it

is very evident which way they are traveling. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."—David (Psa. 66:18).

6. When a Christian becomes critical, harsh, and is quick to see and mention the faults of others, he treads not the safe "highway" but a by-path that leads away in the direction of danger. Beware, Christian, let not the path which is strewn with bitter herbs deceive thee!

These are some of the signboards we should watch.

A Question For You

If "God so loved the world;"

If He commanded "Go ye into all the world;"

If He "was not willing that any should perish;"

If He pleads that we preach to "every creature;"

If He asks "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

If the fields were already "white to harvest" nineteen hundred years ago;

If He then called prayer for laborers to go into that harvest;

AND AFTER PENTECOST

The disciples "preached everywhere" (Mark 16:20), so that Paul said, "Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Rom. 10:18), also of the gospel he said, "Which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven" (Col. 1:23),

AND NOW

There are over one thousand million heathens who sit in darkness without the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus,

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

If we have the same salvation and spirit as the apostles, we will do as they did. If we do not as they, it is because we do not have the same vision they had.

When we consider the fact that God provided salvation for all men, and those receiving it first are duty bound to pass it on; and when we think of the nearness of Jesus' coming and the urgency of Jesus' command, our duty is plain. God is calling somebody to go. All who cannot go can give and pray and stand behind those who do go. *What shall be our answer in that day?*

A Great Mistake

A serious mistake of the times has been to make much of church methods and little of motive power, hence most churches have a lot of machinery, forms, order, system and programs, but not sufficient power to move out in a mighty soul-saving program such as was accomplished by the early church. Does not the Bible make much of the motive power, the power of the Holy Ghost, and leaves methods and forms to spring out of the occasion?



California State Convention

The California state convention convened in the Church of God at Corona March 24-26. Our beloved state overseer, Brother I. L. Bengé, was in charge. The welcome address was given by Sister Jeffries, leader of the Corona church, with responses by visiting ministers. Special songs were rendered by our home people and Brother J. B. Camp, overseer of Washington and Oregon. Inspiring messages were brought by our Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, Brother Stubblefield of Oregon, Brother Camp, Sister Stoeckel of Fresno, Calif., Brother Terlizze, and Brother Gruggett, pastor of Tulare church; the writer also preached on Sunday morning. Brother Johnson's visits have proved a great blessing to the work in the state. We were very glad to have Brother Camp and the two visiting brethren from Oregon with us.

At 6:30 Saturday evening we had a Y. P. E. service, Brother Elmer Boyd, state superintendent in charge. The Church of God Y. P. E. in California is moving on to victory. On Sunday morning a good offering was received for missions.

I have attended several conventions in the Church of God and it seemed that this was the best I have ever attended in all my life. There were times when it seemed that the whole place was aflame with the glory of God. Brother Bengé is certainly working hard in the state and God is greatly blessing his efforts. Let us as ministers and members of the Church in California, co-operate with him in every way possible to see the work move forward for God.—John E. Douglas, 211 Chevalier Ave., Baldwin Park, Calif.

Pacific Northwest Tri-State Convention

The Pacific Northwest tri-state convention convened at Wapato, Washington, April 7-9. The welcome address was given by Brother Alex Duncan, with responses by Sister Kile of Winchester, Idaho, and Sister Kimmel of Salem, Oregon. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were present and gloriously blessed from the beginning to the end. The good messages during the convention were enjoyed. They were delivered by Brother J. B. Camp, state overseer of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, Brother Kile of Winchester, Idaho, Brother George Savchenko, Brother Clyde Ropp, Brother Stubblefield, Sister Stubblefield, Brother Alex Duncan, Brother Hilton Vail, and

Brother L. L. Milam. On the afternoon of the 8th we had a ministers' meeting and at 6:30 p. m. a Y. P. E. service with Brother Hilton Vail, the tri-state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, in charge. We also had a sextet which sang "All Things in Jesus I Find," dedicated to Sister Pearl Stark and sang in loving memory of Brother Stark who went home from Africa, his field of labor. An offering was taken for missions. On Sunday the Evangel and Lighted Pathway were boosted. At the evening service we had a praise service and after Brother Johnson's message an altar service, handshakes and good-byes.

This convention was certainly a success and a blessing to those who attended. A goodly number were saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. Each of the three states was well represented and all had a mind to work. God is blessing His Church in this needy field. There were thirty-four ministers and coworkers present as compared with three or four last year. The house was filled to capacity each day. Refreshing certainly came from the presence of the Lord. The music, singing and preaching was all good. We didn't get to hear all the ministers preach as time would not permit. We enjoyed having Brother Johnson with us and hope he can come again.

Please breathe a word of prayer for the work in the Pacific Northwest, that the Church will continue to grow and be a soul saving station until Jesus comes.—Reporters, Sam Besel and J. C. Kimmel, 940 S. 22nd St., Salem, Ore.

Valdosta, Ga. District Convention

On account of a little misunderstanding we are rather late in reporting, but we are still thrilled as we think about the good Sunday School and Y. P. E. district convention which convened at Valdosta Sunday, March 12. The Lord surely blessed. Our state superintendent, Brother D. C. Barnes, and his wife were with us. He surely is the man for this work.

The morning session was devoted to Sunday School and the afternoon to Y. P. E. work. The local pastor, Brother L. P. Shaw, gave the welcome address. There were several ministers present. The speakers on program were Brother E. C. Dedge, Sister J. L. Ball, Brothers W. A. Goss and W. H. Gann. The Lord blessed them and each one inspired our souls with those God-anointed sermons. There was lots of good special singing. There was a good delegation from most of the churches.

Brother Barnes announced we had broken the record up to that time in everything. Four new Gideons were reported for the day. The convention closed with a weeping spirit.—W. C. Swilley, district superintendent, Rt. 3, Valdosta, Ga.

Knoxville District Convention

The Knoxville district convention convened April 14-16 at the 8th Avenue Church of God with our state overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, in charge. The welcome address was given by our beloved pastor, Brother W. J. Milligan; response by Brother B. L. Cooper and Brother Avery Lane of Sevierville. Brother Simmons delivered the message, which was a blessing to all. Saturday Brothers J. W. Maness, J. B. Baney, D. A. Biggs, and Clifford Jenkerson preached. Lunch was served in the basement by the L. W. W. B. The Saturday night service was given in behalf of our orphanage at Cleveland with talks by Sisters Bessie Jones and Margaret Atkins. An offering of \$31.30 was taken for the orphanage, after which Brother Simmons again preached. Sunday Brother Zeno C. Tharp brought the message on missions and an offering of \$154.11 was given. Every pastor on the district was present with a wonderful report Sunday afternoon. Special singing during the convention was rendered by the Salyer sisters and the Lenoir City trio. The Lord met with us and gave us a glorious time together with Him.—Bessie Jones, 1309 N. 6th Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

My Love Song of Mother

The angels can play their melodious harps
And sing as no mortal on earth;
Still they cannot utter the heart of a
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Who climbed on the knee of his birth.
They sang their hosannas when Jesus was
born,

Their words are alive till this day,
But they could not know that motherly
heart

Which watched o'er the crude bed of
hay.

"Blest, fully blest! Thou child of earth
To know the love of mother;
To feel her arms around you twine
And know there is no other
Who walked into the jaws of death
To bring you where the living
Are working in the vales of earth
And to its progress giving."

Yes, angels can herald to mortals below
The beauties of heaven above;
But God gave His children a song
strange to them,
'Tis "Mother, O Mother, Your Love."
So when in the rapture we praise our
great King,
Who lay at the breast of His mother,
The angels must stand aside through it
all;
He is not a kinsman or brother.

—Laura Adrene Sanders.

Pray for our baby who is very sick
with colitis to be healed.—C. A. Purvis,
Eastman, Ga.

The Teachings of The Church of God Verified by Scriptures

BY E. E. COLEMAN

(Continued from last issue)

The gifts of the Spirit are also Bible and Church of God teachings. 1 Cor. 12:1, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." v. 4, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." The gifts are those of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues.

1 Cor. 14:1 tells us to desire spiritual gifts, and, personally, I think there is much room for the Church of God to grow along this line. We need more people who can exercise wisdom and knowledge when there is a need for it. Knowledge is a clear perception of a truth or fact. To form an acquaintance with a person or thing, means to obtain knowledge of them. Wisdom is knowledge practically applied to the best advantage. Wisdom is sagacity, or the power to remember what you know when you need it. Jesus said the Holy Ghost would bring all things to your remembrance that He had said unto you. Many ministers have a knowledge of the truth, but they cannot remember it when they need it, because they have not the gift of wisdom. Seek these gifts, you need them.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Yet many so-called Christians go through life without faith. Faith is the substance (essential part) of things hoped for, the evidence (proof) of things not seen. Heb. 11:1. Faith is made perfect by works, and faith without works is dead. James 2:17, 18. If you pray for rain, take your parasol when you go out; if you pray for your pastor, then pay your tithes on Sunday and trust God to make nine-tenths go as far as ten-tenths would have gone without His blessings.

The gift of healing is needed in a greater measure. I believe that the Church of God has all the gifts in a limited degree, but we need them in a greater degree. I would that more of our ministers could say, In the name of Jesus arise and walk; and I believe they could if they could also say, Silver and gold have I none. Prosperity is always a hindrance to faith.

There is a real need for the working of miracles to be manifested in the Church, for it always makes the people strong and determined to resist the devil. Signs should follow ALL believers. Miracles should accompany the preaching of the Word of God. I heard one preacher say, "I went to a certain town and preached, but the people would not receive me, and would not even allow me to spend the night with them; so I shook the dust of my feet off as a testimony against them,

and left." I asked that preacher if he healed any sick there? He said, "No." I asked him if he cast out any devils there? He said, "No." So I said, "My brother, I do not wonder that the people would not receive your preaching." Preacher, you have just as much commission to heal the sick as you have to preach the gospel.

The gift of prophecy is one that most every one seems to have. When I think of all the people who have, at some time, declared that they had received the gift of prophecy, and that they just had to preach, then when the battle got hard they withered and fell out of line, even going back in sin on many occasions, and remembering, too, that the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, and woe is me if I preach not because a dispensation of the gospel is given to me, I am made to wonder if we do not have many people in this class who are overzealous but not very wise.

Discerning of spirits is a gift that we need to obey more than we do. Many of our people know that such and such a person is not what they claim to be, that they are pretending, yet they will allow them to give out the Word of God from the pulpit, when on some occasions they ought to be in the pit without any pulpit. I remember one time several years ago a pastor in a certain state was unable to be in every service at his church, and when he was away a backslider, who had been turned out of the church for several different sins, would come in and the church would allow him to preach and the people would shout and praise the Lord; but when the real pastor, a good man of God, came back and preached, they would not even say Amen. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH and the truth shall make you free."

Divers kinds of tongues is a gift that rightfully belongs on the mission field where the ministers have trouble speaking the language of the people they must work among.

Interpretation of tongues is where God gives an interpretation of a message that has been given out in an unknown tongue. This is often done, and never without a blessing to the people present.

Signs should follow all believers, especially the ministers. Moses used many signs for different reasons. He left Egypt as a murderer, and he knew that the people would not believe that God had sent him to deliver them. But God told him to use the sign of the rod changing to a serpent, and also the sign of his hand becoming leprous and then being healed. God told Moses that if the

people would not believe the voice of the first sign, that they would believe the voice of the second. Ex. 4:1-9. Jesus was approved of God by signs and wonders. Acts 2:22. Paul said in Rom. 15:18, "I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, TO MAKE THE GENTILES OBEDIENT, by word and deed, through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God." There are many people who want to obey the gospel, but they do not know who is right. GIVE THEM A SIGN. In 2 Cor. 12:12 Paul said, "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds." If we waited until we saw such things in the lives of many modern ministers, we would never believe them to be Bible apostles.

The Church of God firmly believes and teaches that the life of every individual Christian should bring forth fruit of holiness, which is the fruit of the Spirit. Rom. 6:22 tells us that being made free from sin, we become servants of God, and have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Eph. 5:9, "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth." Phil. 1:9-11, "And this I pray . . . that ye . . . being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, Gal. 5:22, 23. Every Christian should bear all the above named fruits. You should strengthen your Christian character in the places where it is weakest.

Divine healing is provided for all Christians in the atonement. Jesus taught and practiced divine healing. Most people say it is a privilege, but the Bible teaches it as a DUTY for those who would reach perfection. Here are some scriptures on this subject. Psa. 103:3; Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:17; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24.

The Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are Bible and Church of God teachings. In Luke 22:17, 18 Jesus said when He gave the cup to His disciples, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." So today when we take the wine we are doing so in remembrance of the fact that we will one glad day drink it new with the Son of God in the millennial kingdom. Every dispensation has its own peculiar types and shadows. The Old Testament is full

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Notes From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Just completed a nice parsonage in Davenport, Iowa. It will add a nice value to the Church property. The church here is growing nicely. A fine minister is coming with us. Bought two nice lots in New Sharon, Iowa and are putting a tabernacle on them this week.—Your brother, J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa.

Brother Wilma Henry, Overseer of Arkansas, reports another new church organized in Guion, Ark.

CORRECTION

In reporting the \$552.00 mission offering for the Birmingham district convention I should have stated districts offer-

ing since I have been informed there were three districts combined in this convention.

Here comes news from Wichita Falls, Texas. Brother W. W. Smethers reports fifty-five persons received the Holy Ghost in a revival since New Year's. May God continue to bless there.

From J. A. Bixler comes the word that East Side Detroit church Easter Sunday broke all records in attendance and offering. Attendance 189, offering \$17.32.

May God continue to bless the work there.

CONVENTIONS

Tampa District Sunday School and Y. P. E. Convention

The Church of God Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention of the Tampa district convened at Sulphur Springs on April 16, with our district superintendent, Brother Wilmon Smith, in charge. After some good singing Brother Pent, Brother Rains, and Brother Johns gave us some good talks on the history, the effects, and the benefits of the Sunday School. Brother Hamby brought us a wonderful, soul-stirring message on the Sunday School, including qualifications of officials and teachers. After dinner we met again and had the reports, and a wonderful message by our state superintendent, Brother Willie Stanfield. During the convention we were favored with numbers from a quartet from the mission in Tampa, from Largo, a trio from Tampa, and musical numbers. Pray for the Tampa district.—Leona Wingate, 210 Rosary St., Clearwater, Fla.

Jasper, Fla. District Convention

The Jasper district convention convened at Jasper, Fla., March 25, 26, and was said by many to be one of the best. We were favored by three generations of the Ellis family along with good preaching, music and singing. Brother Vep Ellis and his coworker, Brother Clyde Ogle, also rendered special music. Brother J. B. Ellis' old time preaching had the altar filled with seekers, many prayed through. Our overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis, seemed at his best. The mission offering was around fifty dollars, doubling the offering of last year. The pastors on this district are to be complimented for their loyalty. Other speakers on the program

were Brothers L. C. Camp, J. E. Revels, J. E. Connatser, D. J. Cupp, Earl Dees, J. W. Shaw, C. W. Fender, W. F. Hudson, and Mitchell Thomas. Pray for the Jasper district to grow and accomplish much for the Lord.—D. J. Cupp, Jasper, Fla.

Toledo District Sunday School and Y. P. E. Rally

The Toledo district Sunday School and Y. P. E. rally was held at the Church of God, Findlay, Ohio, Sunday, April 23, with Harrison Keckler, district superintendent, present. Each church was represented with good attendance. They were Toledo, Carey, Dunkirk and Findlay. The following had a part on the program during the rally: Brother Foshee of Toledo; D. W. Mills, pastor at Findlay, Sister Mary Denny of Middletown, who is here in a revival; Brother Arthur Cope and Sister Carter of Toledo and others who gave response. Brother and Sister Foshee and Brother and Sister Delbert Carter were musical attractions of the Toledo church. All enjoyed a good time in the Lord. We closed with handshakes and good-byes. Pray for us here at Findlay.—Reporter, F. A. Sunderman, 542 Cherry St., Findlay, Ohio.

Bismarck District Convention

The Bismarck district convention of the Church of God convened at Bismarck, N. Dak., in the World War Memorial Building, April 18-20. This was the first convention to be held in this district, as the church here was organized just a year ago. Brother D. C. Boatwright, state overseer, was in charge of the services.

We were very privileged to have with us as the convention speaker, Brother R.

P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer. Brother Johnson brought us some wonderful messages and our hearts were encouraged and blessed as we listened to the Word of God preached in the old time way. Other ministers who were with us were Brother C. E. Inches, Beulah; Brother W. W. Goins, Lemmon, S. Dak.; Brother Henry Bober, Wishek; Brother Anton Meyers, Dunseith; Brother Glynndon Logsdon, Mobridge, S. D., and Brother Alex Sittner, of McIntosh, S. D. We also had present the Northwest Gospel Quartet, which furnished some good music, and a brass quartet which played several beautiful instrumental numbers.

Everyone present enjoyed this convention and the Lord blessed all who attended. If Jesus tarries, we are looking forward to another convention in the future.

We have no church building in Bismarck as yet, and we request the prayers of all God's people that we may soon obtain the needed amount to erect our own place of worship.—Ralph M. Brostrom, pastor, 117 W. Thayer Ave., Bismarck, N. Dak.

My Keeper

IVANHOE, Va.—I praise God for what He is to me; He is the keeper of my life; He healed me of a bad head trouble. Praise His good name for keeping power. I praise God for the great highway of holiness. I've been in this good way twenty years and am not tired of the way. Thank God. Pray for me that I'll stand true.—H. W. McClure.

Grandmother's Bonnet

Grandmother's bonnet which hangs on my door

Speaks something to me every day,
Always reminding of what she has taught;

I simply can't lay it away.

There is nothing so fancy about it,
No lace to adorn the old brim,
But to me no king in his splendor
Has worn such a blest diadem.

The checks in this old-fashioned bonnet
Have almost faded away,
The pasteboard sewed in for the stiff'ning
Has most given way to decay.

The strings are all tattered from tying,
The crown split in twain long ago,
But the stitches still speak of her neatness

As I follow them row after row.

To me 'tis a beacon to glory,
I shall leave it and not take it down,
For it draws me toward one who exchanged it
Through faith for a glorious crown.

—Laura Adrene Sanders.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years,"
Hab. 3:2.

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. — We thank God for our revival which has just closed, with Brother and Sister Mortenson doing the preaching. Their good singing was enjoyed by all. The revival spirit is still here, and the Lord is blessing in wonderful ways. Souls are praying through to God. Pray for us to continue to be in the Lord's will. We see great success in the future. We have a fine work here and would be glad to have visitors with us any time. We are proud of our pastor for he truly is a man of God.—J. R. Mason, clerk.

LISLE, Ky.—A good revival is on at the Kentucky King church, Brother John D. Raynor in charge. It has been going two weeks and thirteen have been saved, four sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost to date. The house is full every night and we have good music. Brother Raynor is a fine evangelist.

On April 25 the Kentucky King and Twila churches and the good people of this community gave an offering for Brother Blair, our dear pastor and district pastor. The W. W. B's, Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools took part in time of the mine shut-down. People cry, Times are hard; this makes me want to sing, I'm going where there's no depression. Oh, glory for victory.—Mrs. C. P. Vaughn.

AUBURN, Wash.—Brother and Sister Allison Stubblefield and Sister Madie Laws started a revival here at this little town of Auburn March 8. The power of God fell in an old time way. There was shouting, preaching, singing, and praying through in the way that God ordained. The report was that twelve prayed through to the Holy Ghost. Some had been seeking for years. This revival lasted only one week and a half, but the effects are still with us today. Hallelujah! That is the way I feel as I pound away on this old typewriter.

If some of you preachers away down in the sunny state of Florida want a real blessing that you have not felt in a long time (and you sometimes wonder why), just pack up the old car, pray through, pay the price, and start this way. I am sure you will begin to feel the glory of God in your soul before you have gone very far.

There is much here to be done, and I am so very glad God has given us a little part in His great program for His Church, which we love better every day.

The church here at Auburn is only two months old, but it is on fire with the Holy Ghost and fire. We have some real Church of God young people here. Our

congregation is growing outside also. We had to speak to them on several occasions, and they expressed themselves as unable to understand such demonstrations. We told them in order to understand, one must have the blessing. They come and try to peek through the windows at the people shouting and praising God. Oh, if they could just see what the Lord has for them.

The revival closed Sunday night, March 19, with about fifty taking part in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet. We are sure that much good was done. Many were made happy. The community was benefited. The church was edified. Two joined the church, and the church was encouraged to hold on to Jesus in spite of the persecutions that are coming our way.

If you are all out for God and His Church, and believe in the CHURCH OF GOD, preach and teach her doctrine, and are looking for a place to work, come this way, and come praying.—Hilton Vail, Seattle district pastor.

BRAGGADOÇIO, Mo.—S u n d a y night, April 23, brought to a close our revival at the Church of God at Kinfolks Ridge. We had as our evangelist Brother Lee E. Holdman of Bonne Terre, Missouri. Fifteen were converted, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized, and six added to the church. The revival ran a little over two weeks. Brother Holdman is a good preacher and a wonderful altar worker. The meeting was blessed of the Lord from beginning to the end with the Holy Ghost taking charge nearly every night. This is the best revival we have ever had at Kinfolks Ridge. People were stirred that had never been touched before.

Any church contemplating a revival will do well to invite this promising young minister to his place as he yields to the Spirit of the Lord in a wonderful way. May God continue to bless him in this great work for Him.—M. C. Lacey, pastor.

On March 22 the Church of God started a revival with Miss Brady Tharp in charge. God was with us in a special way. Sister Tharp is a wonderful preacher. Thirteen were saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Messages were given in tongues and interpreted, and souls came rushing to the altar. The revival closed April 16, and Sister Tharp went to Liberty, S. C., for a meeting. Liberty is a new field with the church only a few months old there. In one week two were saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Great interest was shown with large crowds in attendance

anxious to hear God's Word and see His people blessed. Pray for the churches at Easley and Liberty.—Guy H. Sloan, clerk, Easley, S. C.

LAMAR, W. Va.—We are praising the Lord for the good revival which began March 19 and closed April 23, conducted by Evangelist B. O. Graybeal of Bristol, Va. People in this community were really stirred by the old time gospel. We also praise the Lord for the visiting saints from the Giatto church. Brother T. F. Blackwell was with us and preached one night. This is the best revival that has ever been at Lamar. There were thirty-three saved, twenty sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water, and twenty-two added to the church, making us a total membership of thirty-four. We praise the Lord for our faithful pastor, Brother Ben Woodring, who is one of the best. Last Sunday night our pastor organized a Y. P. E. here which we believe will prove a blessing to the young people. — Robert Bane, clerk.

Memories of Mother

By Jake Rowland

Ofttime in memory I go back
Along the trails I've come;
I live again and do the things
I did in days now gone.

I fancy that my brothers,
And my sisters, too, are there.
We play again the games we played
With Mother somewhere near.

I like to think how Mother
Would watch us at our play,
To keep us out of danger,
Lest harm should come our way.

But oh, the sorrow that I feel
When I think that she is gone.
She can't be in the doorway
To greet me when I come.

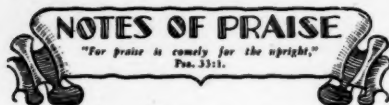
For God relieved her suffering
And said her work was done;
And on a beautiful autumn morning
I believe He called her home.

Yes, I believe that she's in heaven
Singing 'round God's shining throne;
Watching, waiting as she used to,
For her children to come home.

God rest my darling Mother.
Tell her this, dear Lord, for me—
I remember all her kindness
And the care she's given me.

I'll cause her no more disappointments,
For when my crown of life I've won,
I'll find her at the gates of Heaven
To sweetly say, "I'm glad you've come."

—From "Sacred Song Banner."



His Will Is Mine

EAST BERNSTADT, Ky. — Thank God for the plan of salvation preached, published and lived in the Church of God. Its publishers, its teachers, its members all have a mind to work—a great work for the most needy cause on this earth today.

I am so glad I have salvation in my soul today. Since I became a member of the Church of God one year ago I've overcome more fiery trials than I thought possible. Sometimes I'd think surely the prophets of old nor the apostles ever had such a time as this. Then I'd think of Paul, John, Elijah and other great men of God.

When we feel all alone and discouraged we can just pick up the Evangel or Lighted Pathway and read only a few minutes and be convinced that God has thousands ready for the Bride. Oh, thank God, I can feel myself growing in love. Every time I read a testimony it seems like I've been right in service with the saints from everywhere. Praise God. We'll all soon be together where love, pure love, will be made perfect in each one who's ready and has had the truth in his soul. Saints, did you know the truth is the scarcest thing on the earth today? Oh, let's be faithful until death and we'll have an abundant entrance.

I've met some people of late who seem so discouraged and say the trials are so hard that they can't overcome, but listen, dear ones, if you think the way so hard and the path so rugged, did you know that one writer said, I reckon the sufferings of the present world are not to be compared with the joys we will enter into when our Lord thinks it is enough? Thank God, I'm glad I was counted worthy to be persecuted for His dear name. I'm determined to work while I can. Let's all try to make an impression on the lost of the great wrath of God that is coming on all who don't accept Him shortly, and then the judgment.

I request your prayers for both soul and body. I am not well but I'm waiting on Him. Also pray for our dear church here. We still have some real saints here who have kept the faith and are still on the firing line. We earnestly desire your prayers that we will not be moved from the true Word of God. Good-bye and God bless all of God's people in my prayer.—Rosa Lee Doss.

A Pleasure to Serve the Lord

BUNNELL, Fla.—Dear saints, I am glad to try to tell of how much the Lord means to me. I'm not expecting to ever tell all He means but as I have no church

in reach of me anywhere to testify for my Lord, I've asked Him to give me a few words to let my friends, brothers and sisters know I'm still depending on Jesus to hold my hand, to keep me in this narrow way, and I'm glad to say it's still a pleasure to serve the Lord, and not a burden for me. Oh, the devil can get around you, try you out in every way, but I thank the Lord he's too late to turn me. I came out from among the world and the devil over ten years ago and I can eat strong meat too, don't have to be fed on a little milk. I'm full grown. Jesus said, "Come out from among the world and be ye separate and I will receive you." Dear ones, you can't claim you are separated from the world and follow the devil. I mean you can't go to your shows, dances, smoke, drink and a lot of other worldly things and get by with it. When you go to church and testify above your daily living, look out, you know how it will sound. I pray God that I will never testify one inch above my everyday life.

Please pray that I will stand true until Jesus sees fit to call me home to glory, and pray for my sinful husband, how I would like so much to see him saved.—Mrs. J. J. Bradberry.

Ever By Our Side

CROMONA, Ky.—Dear saints, please pray for me that God will give me the good Holy Ghost. I thank Him for saving and sanctifying my soul almost a year ago. I also thank Him for the sweet victory that is still in my soul. Dear saints, it's so wonderful to live for Jesus and to know He is ever by your side although we have some hard persecutions sometimes, but oh, I am willing to bear them for my precious Savior, for He suffered and died on the cross of Calvary for me. Bless His sweet name. I am determined to go all the way with Him.

Pray for the saints at Thornton that they will be the shining lights that God would have them be. Pray that I will stand humble and true to Him and do His precious will at all times.—Mae Hall, Box 71.

I Know God Did It

WARTHEN, Ga.—I praise God for all His many benefits to me as well as to all mankind.

Two or three weeks ago I was stricken seriously ill instantly. The pain hit me like a bullet in my right limb just about three inches above the knee. I could not get out of my tracks, could not move without the most severe pain. My knee began to swell. The swelling later went down to my foot.

I was at Keysville, Ga., about twenty-five miles from Augusta. My friend pulled up my chair and sat me down and a few hours later they put me in the car

and carried me to Augusta where I could get the saints to pray for me. I could not lie down and for about thirty-three hours I sat in a chair and suffered about all I felt like I could stand. I could not move an inch in my chair without hollering and could not bear for anyone to touch me.

After about forty-eight hours of the most terrible pain God came on the scene and healed me. Bless His name. I had been put to bed on Wednesday night near midnight just screaming with pain, but during the night, sometime after midnight, my limb straightened out. I know God did it. The next evening late Brother L. G. Rouse and Brother and Sister N. B. Osbon of Aiken, S. C. came. They had been praying for me as also had the dear saints in Augusta. They were faithful, bless their hearts, but I could not walk a step nor put my foot to the floor. The pain was so severe I'd scream when I tried to put any weight on it. Our God came to my rescue, praise His holy and powerful name, and when Brother Rouse told me to come out of the bed and walk in the name of Jesus I got up and walked across the room. Praise the Lord. I was healed and can walk better now than I could before I was taken or before I was afflicted. I give our God all the praise and all the glory. I had remedies offered, but thank God, I was able through Jesus to refuse. I learned nearly twenty-seven years ago that it pays to trust God for your body as well as your soul. I am now conducting a series of meetings at Dorons, seven miles from Davisboro, Ga. Please pray that God will give me many souls for His kingdom.—Fannie Duncan, Rt. 1.

LaFAYETTE, Ga. — Dear Evangel readers, I praise our great Redeemer who has done so much for me. About four weeks ago I had a tooth to abscess. It hurt until I could not be still and my mother-in-law and sisters-in-law prayed and prayed for me from Thursday until Saturday. My husband came and they continued to pray. That night I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it, and praise the Lord, He healed me. I am saved from sin, sanctified by the blood and filled with the good Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. My companion and I are in evangelistic work for God.

Pray for us that we will be a blessing wherever we go and that precious souls will be saved.—Mrs. G. E. Poole.

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—Dear Evangel family, greetings. I thank everyone who prayed for our baby, and thank God for touching his body.—Lewis Richardson.

The greatest success any boy can have is to make a man out of himself.



PRAY FOR:

My son who is in a critical condition with appendicitis.—Mrs. C. W. Bowen, Rt. 1, Pittsburg, Kans.

The Lord to heal me of a hurting in my side.—Mrs. Stella Bishop, Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga.

God to heal my body; closer walk with Him; my husband to be healed; loved ones to be saved. Fast, if led.—Mrs. Claude Richardson, Rt. 1, Ramhurst, Ga.

The Lord to provide us with some clothing.—Elder E. T. Musgrove, pastor, Kew Turk Island, B. W. I.

God to bless us spiritually and temporally.—Mary A. Arthur, Kew Turks Island, B. W. I.

God to open a way where it seems there isn't a way; the salvation of my husband and children.—Mrs. T. W. Glenn, Clinton, S. C.

Me and my husband to get saved; our bodies to be healed; my sister's and daughter's bodies to be healed; other requests.—Mrs. A. M. Winstead, Toccoa, Ga.

The healing of my body; God to undertake for a friend.—Myrtle Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

My small son to be healed of T. B.—U. C. Dash, Rt. 2, Fredericktown, Ohio.

My little son who is feeble minded and who has some kind of spells.—Mrs. Della Hollingsworth, Rt. 2, Pendleton, S. C.

My body to be completely healed of T. B.; my husband to be saved. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Thomas Burress, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

This place; mother to be saved; our pastor; us here in Shooter; me to be faithful.—Estella Walters, Shooter, Jam., B. W. I.

My father to be healed of what he thinks is cancer.—Agnes West, Lulu, Fla.

My father who has been in the hospital five years to be healed; God to supply our needs. Fast and pray, if led, on May 21 for his healing.—Miss Ella Nichols, Orme, Tenn.

The Lord to bless a friend of mine that she will grow stronger; her sons to be saved.—Mrs. Nellie McGee, Rt. 3, Box 118, Holly Grove, Ark.

Me to be healed of some kind of kidney trouble. My feet, legs, stomach and bowels are swollen and I smother so badly.—Mrs. Sarah Blakley, Burrville, Tenn.

God to open a way for me to keep my son who has a wandering mind and heal him; Miss Katherine Reilly to be able to come home from the hospital. Her address is Box 426, Dunbar, Williamsburg, Va.—Sister Lorelle Smith, 1105 9th St.,

S. E., Washington, D. C.

My daughter to be healed of T. B.; her soul to be saved. Anointed cloths appreciated.—Mrs. Ruby Scott, Rt. 3, Box 124-A, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

My sister, Mrs. Sadie Maas, Carbondale, Colo., to be healed of T. B.—Bertha Snipes, Clovis, N. Mex.

My husband to be healed of appendicitis. Fast, if led.—Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Bitely, Mich.

Me to be healed of cancer on my nose.—Ida Edgent.

Me to be healed of a bad sore on my finger; my home to become a home of prayer.—George Dison.

I am cripple and cannot walk without the help of someone. Fast and pray May 28 for God to strengthen and heal me.—Mrs. Cora Dawson, Orme, Tenn.

Me to be saved and healed of T. B.—Mrs. Pauline Thacker, 209 Ladiga St., Piedmont, Ala.

My unsaved companion, brothers, sisters and their families to be saved; unspoken request; me to stand true; the Lord to open a way for me to go to church.—Ruby Wilson, Rt. 2, Salem, S. C.

My husband's body to be healed of a terrible itching; the healing of my baby's body; unspoken request; our church here.—Mrs. John Cooley, Rt. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

My brothers and sisters to be saved; my sister and niece to be healed.—Viola White, Lacoochee, Fla.

Our little church; the healing of my body; mother to be healed of high blood pressure; brother to be healed of low blood pressure.—Mrs. Lena McGowen, Rt. 2, Oak Grove, La.

My husband to be saved; me to stay true. Letters appreciated.—Sister Odessie Joplin, Rt. 2, Box 47, Harrisburg, Ark.

Me to be healed of T. B. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Annie Carter, Okeeffe, W. Va.

Unspoken request.—Mrs. E. E. Jones, Rt. 6, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Each one to whom I send anointed cloths, according to Acts 19:11, 12, to be healed, demons and habits cast out in Jesus' name.—B. R. Hughen, 300 Capitol Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

My husband who is in a bad condition; me to have better health; God to have His way in our hearts; to be drawn closer to Him.—Mrs. Vance Clemmons, Citra, Fla.

God to make a way; our revival.—Sister Bessie Austin, Rt. 3, Box 97, Albany, Ga.

Me to be healed of T. B.—Dixy Nickles, Naugatuck, W. Va.

God to heal my body; to be what He would have me to be.—Mrs. Bessie Wood, Rt. 1, Alabama City, Ala.

Sammie Cocksey, Belzoni, Miss. who was in a car wreck; God to have His way

in my home; me to stay true.—Grace Harris, Rt. 2, Union, Miss.

Us to have a soul-stirring revival here; our prayer meetings; me to overcome and be true; my family to be saved.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, Rt. 2, St. George, W. Va.

Our revival; unspoken request.—Mrs. L. H. Powell, Box 74, North Birmingham, Ala.

My throat to be healed; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Miss Faye Manning, Rt. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

Special unspoken request.—Beulah Greenwood, Foyil, Okla.

Me to be healed of head trouble, hard hearing, throat trouble, nervousness and other diseases; to get a good place to live.—Sister Allie A. Tifton, 1236 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Husband and children to come back to the Lord; special prayer for Wanda; me to stand faithful.—Maggie Cameron, Teague, Tex.

Sister Mattie Mullins who is very low with T. B.—Myrtle Hurley, Evarts, Ky.

The Lord to provide me with a job.—Thomas Williams, 1610 E. Central, Springfield, Mo.

The healing of my body of stomach trouble and dizzy spells; my daughter to be healed of side trouble and to receive the Holy Ghost; loved ones to be saved; unspoken requests.—Sister H. W. Yeo, Sant Crox, N. B.

The healing of my mother.—W. L. Ford (colored), Box 214, Georgiana, Ala.

My little girl to be healed of tonsillitis; to have a Christian home.—Reba Wright, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

The healing of my body; us to stand true; my father to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham, Dixiana, Ala.

Elizabeth Sue Crittenden to be healed of diabetes. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Auther Crittenden, Trafford, Ala.

Our revival at Herbert, Sask., Can.; our work in these hard fields; us to do our best.—Glenn Pettyjohn, Herbert, Sask., Canada.

Me to be healed of rheumatism; a bad cough; us to hold out faithful. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. W. V. Barnett, Star Rt. 3, Locke, Ark.

Our revival at Rosehill, N. C.—John H. McDowell.

My little girl to receive her hearing and speech; Mrs. T. D. Helmick who is in the sanatorium at Hopemont, W. Va.—Mrs. Viola Cassady, Davis, W. Va.

My mother who is completely paralyzed in her right side, also that she be healed of a large tumor; me to become stronger in the Lord; more faith.—N. D. Shrum, Box 121, Robert Lee, Tex.

Mother to be healed of a stroke of paralysis and rheumatism; her to be saved.—W. L. Clinton, Bainbridge, Ga.

NOTICES

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We are in a revival with Sister Reed of Boaz, Ala. doing the preaching. Pray that God will give us many souls. We are few in number and we need more help. We extend a hearty welcome to churches close by to come and help us. We would be glad for any of the brothers who have pastored our church at Tabor No. 2 to pay us a visit.—Mrs. Bessie Wood, Rt. 1, Alabama City, Ala.

There will be home coming at the Church of God at Brilliant, Ala. May 28. We're expecting the Lord to be with us. Come bring your musical instruments, special singers and a well-filled basket and let us enjoy the day together.—E. J. Walton, pastor, Brilliant, Ala.

We will have home coming and dedication service Mother's Day at Edwards Point Church of God with dinner on the ground. Everyone is invited. Pray much for the little church here.—Mrs. Alcy Ritchie, clerk, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

To the Willing Worker Bands of Oklahoma: Sister Mary Pierce of Ravia, Okla. was appointed state superintendent of the W. W. B. during the district convention at Ada. All churches will be expected to co-operate with her. Begin now to prepare your programs for the state convention. We highly appreciate the efforts of our former state superintendent, Sister Wm. Schneidmuller, who recently moved to Pennsylvania.—Geo. M. Bloomingdale, state overseer of Oklahoma.

There will be a home coming at High Falls Church of God May 28. Everybody is invited. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Let us enjoy the Lord that day. We will have special music and singing. We are expecting our district overseer, Brother W. C. Lee, to speak at the evening service. Be sure to come.—Pastor, W. C. King, 18 Front St, Alice Mill, Easley, S. C.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you are not called to preach or be a great missionary is no reason for you to say, "I cannot do anything for the Lord. I am just useless in His work." You can do something for the Lord. Send me all of your Lighted Pathways and Evangelists. I will distribute them to Indians, in the prison and to everyone I can. You see! You can help carry the blessed Word to these places and God will bless you.—J. T. Wolfe, Rt. 3, Rock Hill, S. C.

We are having a good revival at Bradshaw, W. Va. Many are convicted and asking for prayer and we are expecting God to do great things for us. There is much interest. The Lord willing, we are

looking forward to an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground May 21. We hope to see all of the churches of this district here on that day. We covet your prayers for our success here in every way.—Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler, Muncie, Ind.

We are in need of a revival at Slaton, Tex. We want an evangelistic party with singers and musicians. This is a needy field. If you feel that God has put it on you to come over and help us, we will do all we can for you. Our new church at Post, Tex. is growing. We just closed a revival there with twenty-three saved, nine sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us at Slaton.—Roy J. Young, district pastor, Box 334, Slaton, Tex.

The Williston, Fla. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at Wilcox, Fla. May 28. Come on, preachers and laity of Williston district, let us make this a high day in Zion. We invite all the neighboring churches and friends to come and be with us. Be sure to bring a well-filled basket of eats.—P. V. Lord, district overseer; E. L. Hicks, pastor, Wilcox, Fla.

The Church of God at Waycross, Ga. is in a revival with our pastor and the home boys doing the preaching. Pray earnestly that souls will be saved as it has been years since the Lord visited us with a soul-stirring revival at this place. Pray much.—Sister L. M. Smith, 1906 Carswell Ave., Waycross, Ga.

We have just entered into a revival at Arcadia, Fla. with Brother W. H. Maxwell, pastor. The prospects bid fair for a good meeting. From here we go to be with Brother Williamson in a revival at Gadsden, Ala. Pray for us. Home address: 1300 Arlington Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.—W. S. Wilemon.

We are having the greatest church and community revival at Epps, La. this country has had in many years, with Brother M. E. Drake of Roswell, N. Mex. doing the preaching. Individuals are indeed stirred of the need of God. Brother Drake needs no introduction of his ability to introduce the good, old time Pentecostal, blood-bought, heart-striking, soul-convicting, piercing, convincing, Church of God doctrine that souls are starving to death for. The end is not yet. Pray for us.—H. C. Smith, pastor, Epps, La.

We have been eighteen days here in a revival. The Lord is blessing. Some have been saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and healed by the power of God. Pray for the church and for us that we may be soul winners.—Wiley E.

Wright, 406 E. Maple St., Enid, Okla.

This is to notify the Hattiesburg, Miss. district that there will be a Sunday School, Y. P. E. and W. W. B. convention at Hattiesburg Church of God May 14, 15. Come on pastors, group captains, W. W. B. presidents and Sunday School superintendents, let's make this one of the best conventions Mississippi has ever had. We are looking for a one hundred per cent report on everything. Services will begin Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Brother Roy Douglas and his wife will be in charge.—Earl Brewer, district pastor, Box 1291, Hattiesburg, Miss.

The district convention of the Church of God Y. P. E. will convene at Middlesboro church May 20, 21, L. S. Cooper, state superintendent, in charge. Everybody is invited to be with us. Every church and Sunday School is expected to be present and do its part to make this the best convention in the state. They say our district convention of the church was the best in the state, so come on and let's put our district on the map. Our motto is, We lead, others follow. Come with us and we will do you good. There will be dinner on the ground so bring a well-filled basket and spend the day with us. There will be some good speakers. We are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be here. Come one and all and help us out.—Sam Holcomb, district overseer; C. W. Everly, district Y. P. E. superintendent, Middlesboro, Ky.

To whom it may concern: This is to signify that M. Moore is no longer a minister nor member of the Church of God. (By business transaction of the district conference.)—W. L. Ford (colored), state overseer of Alabama, Box 214, Georgiana, Ala.

We will have home coming the first Sunday in June, June 4. We invite all neighboring churches to come and help us make it a good day for the Lord. We expect our dear Brother H. L. Whittington to be present for the morning service. Pray for us.—E. H. Thomas, pastor, Coaldale Church of God, Warrior, Ala.

The Church of God at Kelleys Ferry, Tenn. will have home coming and church rally the fourth Sunday in May, D. V. We extend to all our friends and neighboring churches a hearty invitation to come and be with us for an all-day feast of good things from the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket and, if you feel led, an offering to be applied on our building which we plan to build.—John R. Byrd, pastor, St. Elmo, Tenn.

The Columbus, Ohio district conven-

tion will convene with the Church of God at Richmond Dale, Ohio May 26-28, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Many good speakers are expected, some from neighboring districts. Three distinguished guests are expected throughout the convention—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We will have a basket dinner Sunday, the 28th. Come and bring your music and singers and enjoy a real feast from the Lord. District pastor, H. L. Dillinger, and state overseer, E. C. Clark, will be in charge.—W. L. Pate, pastor, Richmond Dale, Ohio.

We are having home coming and memorial service May 21. We invite everybody to come be with us. Bring a well-filled basket and come prepared to stay all day. Service begins at 10:00 a. m. Everybody come to the Church of God at Massey Line. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, and our district overseer, Brother W. E. Crider, to be with us on that day.—R. J. Dollars, clerk, Star Rt., Pinson, Ala.

The Perry, Okla. district convention will convene at Perry May 19-21. All the churches on the district are expected to be there with a good report. Come on over, you ministers and laymembers of other churches, and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us. We expect the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be there. Free entertainment to visitors. Brother G. M. Bloomingdale, state overseer, will be in charge.—W. C. Hill, district pastor, 315 1st St., Perry, Okla.

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flower without perfume. It is supremely appropriate that Mother's Day should be celebrated in church. It is religion which sanctifies the home and which makes motherhood the sacred sacrament which it has become in all Christian lands. May our celebration this Mother's Day be filled with that spirit of love, devotion and humility which was so supremely characteristic of the ideal mother of the Bible, Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as of her Son who has become our Savior and the Savior of the world!

Woman—The Weaker

Into the valley and shadow of death,
Day after day bravely walking,
This woman called "weak" goes alone to its depth,

While man so care-free is talking,
Jesting each hour of the weaker sex,
Exalting himself far above her,
Till surely the angels who listen above
Must wonder if even he loves her.

Into the valley and shadow of death,
Down to its dark, dark center,
To bring to earth the children he loves;
Could he so fearlessly enter?

Pride of each child who looks in her face
While she so sweetly commands him,
Bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh,
The one who alone understands him,

This weaker sex, of which he jests,
We behold in the annals of time,
Making so faithfully all through the years

The records he holds most sublime.
She brought to earth the Savior of men,
Wonder of wonders bespeaking,
The greatest event that ever has been,
The Christ whom all nations are seeking.

Standing beside Him when strong man
had gone,

Bravely she would not deny Him,
The first one to hold Him, the first to
enfold Him,

The last at the cross standing by Him.
First at the tomb, first out with the
Word,

This woman called "weak" still desiring

To blot out the curse of the fall labors
on,

The pathway of man still inspiring.

—Laura Adrene Sanders

Mothers

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ben's mandrakes. Gen. 30:14. A mandrake is a plant of the East resembling the beet. The fruit is about the size of a large plum and very sweet. It is believed by the people of the East today that to eat them will render barren women fruitful.

I can't picture the women of old doing anything contrary to the will of God to ward off motherhood and then going around petting a poodle or bull dog, or Dashund, can you? No, they wanted to be mothers.

A real mother is the greatest thing God has ever given us in the natural. A real mother has a bearing on a son or daughter who has gone astray, who is down in sin and degradation, when no one else has. Mother's touch is different, her cooking is different, and oh, those soothing words when we're in trouble!

When I was only seven or eight years of age, brother was down with typhoid fever for ninety days and well do I remember, when the hemorrhages were so bad, my mother going out to pray, which I had never heard her do before as those of her profession thought it was a shame for them to pray. But, oh, I thought mother's prayers would surely be answered, and after he recovered it left an impression on my heart that has never left. After I accepted the Lord and got the call to carry the gospel, mother spoke the greatest words of encouragement that I ever heard. Her not being sanctified nor filled with the Holy Ghost made me timid in telling her of my calling as I

thought she would doubt it, but as I bolstered up courage and told her I had the calling but just didn't have deliverance, oh those words she gave me, "Son, the Lord will give you deliverance." Hallelujah! It seems I can hear them now. It meant so much and does yet, and how I long to see her sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brothers and sisters may speak words of encouragement and pray for you occasionally but not like the assiduous obsecrations of mother. God bless our mothers.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Western Maryland-Washington, D. C. district convention—May 11-14

Iowa—May 26-28

Annual Gen. Assembly (colored), Jacksonville, Fla.—May 15-21.

Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10

Florida State Convention—June 2-3

Missouri—June 9-11

Ohio—June 15-18

Virginia—June 15-18

Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25

Michigan State Convention—June 23-25

North Carolina—June 22-25

Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4

Kansas—June 29-July 2

Northwest Convention—July 1-4

New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9

Pennsylvania—July 6-9

Oklahoma—July 14-16

Mississippi—July 14-16

Arkansas—July 21-23

West Virginia—July 21-23

Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.

Kentucky—July 28-30

Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6

Texas State Convention—August 4-6

Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13

Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13

Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13

Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13

Georgia—August 10-13

Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25

Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—July 20-30

Tennessee—July 27-30

Louisiana—August 24-27

Maine—September 1-4

This is to notify all the churches in the northwest part of Ohio that the district convention will convene May 19-21, inclusively. We invite all of our Church of God people to make a very special effort to be here throughout the convention. We also invite all others to attend who will be sure to pray about the mission offering. We will have our esteemed Brother Clark, state overseer, with us and perhaps other good ministers.—D. W. Mills, district pastor, 110 Walnut St., Findlay, Ohio.

The Teachings of the Church of God Verified by Scriptures

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of types and shadows that point to this grand dispensation in which we are now living. When they offered a bloody sacrifice on a man-made altar, they were testifying that they were looking for the coming of the man Christ Jesus who would offer Himself once for all, and go, not into the holy of holies made with hands, but into the heaven itself, to make intercession for us on the right hand of God. Heb. 9:1-24. But now in this dispensation we are looking forward to the thousand years' reign, and we drink the fruit of the vine and look hopefully into the future for the time when Jesus will drink it with us. Paul said that when we eat the bread that we are showing forth the Lord's death until He comes again. So even that points to a better day when the Lord shall reign. Oh, thank God, thank God, thank God! (See John 13: 4-17; 1 Cor. 11: 23-34; 1 Tim. 5:9, 10.) We are often tired and weary and footsore in this world as we travel on our pilgrimage. In olden times it was a common custom for people to wash one another's feet, and especially after one has been walking and grown tired, washing the feet helps to refresh and rest the entire body; so now we have a commandment from the Lord and an example to wash one another's feet. Jesus told Peter that he did not know what He did when He washed his feet, but He said that he should know later. I believe that after Pentecost Peter knew the reason for it. Feet washing serves to humble people, and it also points to the thousand years' reign, to the time when all tears and sorrow and fatigue will be forever moved and we will run and not be weary and walk and not faint.

Tithing and giving are New Testament teachings. The Church of God teaches both. Tithing was instituted 430 years before the Law was given. It was part of the covenant or contract between God and Abraham. God told Abraham that He would make him a great nation, and that through him all nations of the earth should be blest; and Abraham told God that he would PAY HIS TITHES or the tenth part of his income. Jacob was one of Abraham's grandsons, and to prove that tithing was handed down from father to son, and practiced as a duty, Jacob promised to pay his tithes when he saw the vision of the ladder, if God would keep him in peace. The Law came along and confirmed tithing because they could not find a better plan than the one God had given. Man cannot improve on God's plan today. Jesus said, "You ought to pay tithes." Paul said the Abrahamic covenant, which was 430 years before the Law, could not be annulled, changed or made of none effect

by the Law. Wherefore then serveth the Law? It was added because of transgression till the SEED should come to whom the promise was made. Since the Seed has come to whom the promise was made, we are now living by faith like Abraham did; we are looking for a building not made with hands like he did, and we are paying our tithes like he did. Are you a faithful child of Abraham? If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gen. 14:17-21; Heb. 7:1-10; Gen. 28:19-22; Matt. 23:23; Gal. 3:13-29.

Restitution means to place back that that has been taken away. The Bible and Church of God teaches this as a necessary step to pure and undefiled religion. Matt. 3:9; Luke 19:8, 9.

The Church teaches that Christ will come before the millennium begins, and will resurrect the dead saints and catch away the living to Himself in the air, and while they are in the heavens Antichrist will reign on earth. They will be in the heavens about seven years. After the tribulation (reign of Antichrist) Jesus and the raptured saints will return to earth and establish the millennial kingdom. Matt. 24:27, 28; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; Rev. 19:7-9; Zech. 14: 4; 1 Thess. 4:14; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Jude 1:14, 15; Rev. 5:10; 19:11-21; 20:4-6.

The Church teaches that when Jesus comes two will be in the bed, one shall be taken the other shall be left, two shall be at the mill, one shall be taken the other shall be left. One goes to heaven with Jesus, thus escaping the tribulation, the other is left to undergo the horrors of the reign of the Antichrist. Those going with Christ and those who are killed during the tribulation will constitute the first resurrection. The general resurrection will take place at the close of the thousand years' reign of holiness, at which time all the dead both small and great will come forth and be judged according to their chance and ability and works. John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:5, 6; Luke 12:41-48.

The immortality of the soul is a Bible fact, and that alone makes eternal life for the righteous and eternal death for the sinners indispensable. Matt. 25:41-46; Luke 18:30; John 10:28; Rom. 6:22; 1 John 5:11-13; Mark 3:29; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 20:10-15; 21:8.

The Church is opposed to its members using strong drinks, tobaccos or habit-forming drugs of any kind. The temple of God is holy which temple ye are. Prov. 20:1; 20:29-32; Isa. 28:7; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:10; Gal. 5:21; Isa. 52:2; 1 Cor. 10:31, 32; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:3-8; James 1:21.

The Church does not teach against (nor does the Bible) the eating of such meats as are commonly used for food. Rom. 14:2, 3, 17; 1 Cor. 8:8; 1 Tim. 4:

1-5.

The Sabbath is a type and shadow of the thousand years' reign of righteousness. The Lord made the heavens and earth in six days then He rested the seventh, six thousand years of time from the fall of Adam to the beginning of the millennium, then the seventh thousand years is the millennium. A day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day. We worship on the first day of the week because it is a custom and because the Lord arose from the grave on that day, and because the early Church met on that day and worshipped and paid their tithes. Hosea 2:11; Rom. 14:5, 6; Col. 2:16, 17; Rom. 13:1, 2.

The Bible teaches that Christians should not wear jewelry for ornaments. We should not adorn the outward man, but we should keep the soul dressed up in a robe of righteousness and adorned with a meek and quiet spirit. 1 Tim. 2: 9; 1 Peter 3:3.

Secret orders most always have some good teachings and requirements, and they very often do much good, but they also fellowship sinners, and that a Christian cannot afford to do. They also require their members to take an oath (there are exceptions to the rule) and for those reasons the Church of God cannot allow its members to belong to anything but the Church of God. The Bible teaches that you should not swear at all. John 18:20; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; Matt. 5: 34; James 5:12.

Thou shalt not kill; He that kills with the sword shall be killed with the sword. These are Bible teachings, therefore the Church of God is against its members going to war in combatant service. If you have to go, go in some service that does not involve the actual shooting of your fellowmen. Rom. 12:19; Matt. 5: 38-48; Matt. 18:10, 11.

I have given you the Teachings of the Church of God. You may search the world over but you can't find anything that comes any nearer the whole Bible than these. There may be other teachings that God has not revealed yet, but when they are made known to the human race the Church of God will immediately adopt them. We stand for the whole Bible rightly divided. Pray for me, that I will always be able to teach this great truth as it is.

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TESTIMONIES

Jesus Is So Good to Me

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark. — Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I am so glad for Jesus and the great things He has done for us. I am still saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. The way grows sweeter each day to me. Praise the Lord for His great healing power.

Our little boy, five and a half years old, had a severe cough for sometime. On Dec. 26 he took sick with a pain in his side. We believe he had pneumonia. He surely was sick. On the following Wednesday, Dec. 28, he had a sinking spell and went down to death's door. We couldn't feel his pulse for a while. He got better but had another spell that night. It seemed that his time had come to go, but Jesus came on the scene and healed his body. He was very weak but the Lord gave Him strength. On Monday he got up and has been well ever since. Praise the Lord. He doesn't ever cough.

Jesus has been so good to us ever since we have been trusting Him for our healer. He has carried us through many trials but the trying of our faith is more precious than gold. Praise the Lord, it won't be long until the battle will be over and the victory won. Our trials and troubles will all be over and our work will all be done, then we can rest from all our labors and never have another care. Won't it be wonderful? I am looking for Jesus to come any time and I want to be ready, don't you? Let us be faithful just a little while longer.

Pray for us to be faithful to the end and that our family will be unbroken. Pray for me that the Lord will heal my weak eyes and nerves.—Bertha Sharpe.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I thank God for the Church of God and her teaching and for leading me into the Church of God. Thank God for the good holiness way. Oh, this good old time, blood-bought salvation makes us want to live pure, clean, holy lives.

I am so glad eleven years ago I said yes to Jesus. I was as proud a woman as ever walked, but when God spoke to me I went to the altar all painted up, my hair curled, my ring on my finger, low neck dress and short sleeves. God really saved me, He made a holiness woman out of me right then. I did not know anything about a Church of God. I did not know that it was in the Bible about painting or wearing jewels or how a woman should dress, but thank God, I never wanted to curl my hair or paint any more and it wasn't long until God began to deal with me about my ring. I said, "All right, Lord, anything to please you." Then He showed me my dress. I said, "All right, I will dress godly." Why these things I did are just trash to me. I had

rather people would call me a holiness woman than anything I know of. Brother and sister, it means something to be a true member of the Church of God. It means more than having your name on the church book. We have the best thing this side of heaven; let's lift high the blood-stained banner. We claim the highest standard of salvation there is, so come on and let's live this thing as Christ would have us to live it. Let the world see that we have what we say we have. People are reading our lives today instead of reading their Bibles. Let's practice what we preach. Oh glory, this gets better all the time. If we testify to being saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's, sweet Holy Ghost, let's show to sinners we have what we say, and not follow after the world or style. If we do we are not of God or the Church of God. In 1 John 2:15 it says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (or her).

I am sorry to say so many of our dear sisters whom God could use for His glory, dress so much like the world you can't tell them from the world. I have heard sinners say, "That sister looks like a movie star the way she dresses." Some say, "Well, if I can't wear my dresses like I want to in the Church of God I would go where I can dress like I want to." Remember Christ purchased this Church with His blood and if you have not enough of His blood applied to your soul to make you quit wearing such short sleeves and such short dresses and live holy, you had better get another dip in His blood until you can come and live and dress holy and live holy. Oh glory, I am a real Church of God woman, from my head to my toes and my heart is heavy to see our brothers and sisters living like some do.

I would like to say before you criticize me for this, Take your Bible, get down on your knees and ask God if you can curl your hair, wear such short dresses and sleeves. My God, help us to live so we can make the rapture. I love everyone and want everyone to live right. I love my brother and sister's influence and want all who read this to bind themselves together in love and prayer for a Holy Ghost revival.—Etta Pressley, 1116 N. Alexander St.

My Eyes Were Opened

RADFORD, Va.—I thank the Lord for His wonderful mercy and goodness to me; for being saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I praise Him for this determination I have in my heart to live for Him.

I did not used to believe in holiness; I thought they preached more than they could possibly practice, but praise God, He opened my eyes. Since I have been

saved I am happier than I have ever been. I don't see how people can fail God for the sake of worldly things, for it is so sweet just to trust in the Lord. All you good saints please earnestly pray that I will go through with Jesus.—Ada Long.

Revival

LIVE OAK, Fla.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with our pastor, Brother Chester W. Fender, doing the preaching. Brother Lester Camp was in charge of the singing. We thank God for the souls He gave us to help us out in the Church of God at Salem. Four were saved, three sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost, baptized and added to the Church. The revival closed with seekers in the altar. We believe if we will only hold on to God, He will give us others before the year is out. We appreciate the interest that the people show in the church here at Salem. It is only a small church, but God is in our midst just as He is in large churches. On Easter Sunday we had all-day service with dinner on the ground, with Brothers Lester Camp and Mitchell Thomas preaching for us, and the blessings of God upon all. Pray for our church and especially for our pastor that he will be a blessing everywhere he goes.—Henry Thomas, Rt. 4.

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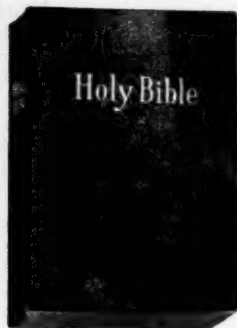
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On Victory's Side

SHAW, Miss.—Dear saints, I am on victory's side. I want the dear Lord to lead me on in the right way by His great power and help me to do His will. He has been so good to me; He saw fit to lift me out of sin and fill me with the Holy Ghost and fire, also filled seven of my children with the Holy Ghost and healed five of them of chills this last year. He is so good to us. Praise His sweet name! I can't praise Him enough, for He touched my body last year. I had two doctors to tell there was not anything for me; they wanted me to go and be

operated on but Sister Mary E. Wright came to my rescue and held a revival. They prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully touched my body. I am able to do my housework and walk three miles to meeting. Before He healed me I could not stay up long at a time. Praise His good name. I can feel the fire burning in my soul so I can hardly write for shouting. Praise His name!—Frances Lett, Rt. 1, Box 118.

Reports Victory

SPRAY, N. C.—I thank God for salvation. I am glad to report victory. I

thank Him because I am saved from sin, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I praise my King, my Redeemer, for His mercy, love and grace; for healing my body of the itch. The disease had almost covered my body. I could not do my work and could hardly sit or lie down. Some friends who were not saved asked me to go with them to Danville, Va., for Brother A. O. Stewart to pray for me. When they prayed God wonderfully blessed. The enemy gave me a test but Brother R. H. Walker, our pastor, and some of the saints were here that night and we prayed until I got victory. How old Satan did work then, but, thank God, He is more than able to deliver. Pray for my husband and children to be saved.—Nannie Gibson.

The person who courts failure can never get married to success.